

Braves Blunt Lancer Attack To Take Eastern Tarheel Crown

By JOE MCGARRITY
Chowan College's men's basketball team ended its successful season on March 2 at the Helms Center, dropping a Region X Tournament first-round game to North Greenville (S.C.) College, 84-61.

The Braves had previously defeated Mt. Olive and Lenoir to retain their Eastern Tarheel Tournament Championship on February 26 and 27 at the Helms Center.

After Vance Marsh's steal sealed a 68-66 semi final win over Mt. Olive, the Braves abruptly ousted Lenoir the next night by a score of 89-74.

The game was close until the waning moments when the Braves made a run that the Lancers could not take.

With tourney MVP Andre McGee almost single-handedly keeping the Braves in the game, the Braves went into the locker room at the half clinging to a 34-33 lead.

It was all McGee in the second half when the Braves put it away. After a Melvin McCray bucket made the score 50-46, the Braves slowly pulled away.

With McGee hitting nine of 10 free throws and collecting 29 points, the Braves had little trouble with the Lancers in the final moments of the second half.

"We executed and played hard," said a happy Coach Bob Burke.

"Coach (Scott) Colclough's game plan was great. I have to give credit to him.

"We played a diamond and one on Whitfield (speaking of Lancer's star Clifton Whitfield). It's just a great feeling to win," concluded Burke.

Winfred Basnight contributed 15 points and 8 rebounds, while McCray added 14 points and 12 rebounds.



Marsh Cuts Net

Photo by Todd Dudek

Whitfield led Lenoir with 14 points. Making the All-Tournament Team were MVP McGee, Whitfield, McCray, Basnight, Lancer guard Paul Branch and Mt. Olive guard Greg Grantham. Whitfield was named Eastern Tarheel Conference Player of Year for second time while his coach Bobby

Dawson received the Coach of the Year award.

The Braves hopes of winning the Region X Tournament (held in their so-called "own backyard," the Helms Center) and advancing on to Hutchinson, Kansas for the nationals ended the very first night of the tournament as they faced the number one seeded North Greenville Mounties (22-8).

The Braves hung tough in the first half. Both teams went into the locker room with the same number of points (34-34), but North Greenville came out smoking.

After Bengie Tate's hoop made it 42-38, the Braves were forced into numerous turnovers and North Greenville capitalized on just about every one of them.

The only Brave who seemed to play with inspiration was freshman sensation Andre McGee who led all scorers with 27 points.

The Mounties lead climbed to as many as 21 points (73-52 at 3:44). The Mounties' Robert Leak and Bruce Hawkins ran a vicious Mountie fast-break that was similar to Division I basketball rather than JUCO. Their pressing defense was really too much for the seemingly hapless Braves. The Braves shot a shabby 23-70 from the field.

Leak hit for 26 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, as Hawkins hit 16 points and Tate 18. The Braves finished the year with a 21-8 record.

Ferrum College eventually won the tournament by defeating Lenoir 102-98.

James Williams hit for 33 points in the championship game, but it was Whitfield who captured the MVP award by amazing everyone with a record 48 points.

Matmen Take 3rd In Zone

By KRISTA SCHLEICHER

Coach Colin Steele's matmen completed their season with an 8-5 team record, placing third in the Mid-Atlantic zone wrestling championships at Edison, N.J.

Team leaders this season were Mike Thomas (167 pounds), Craig Diffe (158 pounds), Jerry Messick (177 pounds) and Mike Ullery (118 pounds).

At 118, Freshman Mike Ullery lost a close match to Mike Duhigg (Middlesex) in the semis but came back to place third. Duhigg placed sixth at the National tournament. In the 126-pound division, Weldon Hobbs capped the end of his junior college career to place third behind two All-Americans, Ken Carl of Middlesex and John Wyshinski of Gloucester. Sophomore Craig Diffe (Dinwiddie), 158 pounds, captured third place by pinning his consolation opponent.

Freshman Mike Thomas captured another championship. Thomas defeated his arch-rival Greg Cole from Gloucester in the finals 8-3. Jerry Messick, the 177-pound freshman, lost his semi-final match to Hatchell from Gloucester 7-6, but came back to place third and heavy-weight Ed McCoy, after losing to the top seed, came back to pin the rest of his opponents to place third.

All in all, Chowan qualified six wrestlers for the National Championships in Worthington, Minn.

Steele said, "The National Tournament had some highlights, if you can forget missing our first plane flight, a six hour lay over in Atlanta, packman fever, cold weather, and a long drive to Worthington from Minneapolis."

The team managed to make the leader board once as Mike Thomas had a super tournament. Thomas defeated Paul Webster of Minnesota by fall 5:35 in the first round. Then defeated Tab Leauch of Southwestern, Oregon 8-3.

In the semi-finals, Totsie met up with last year's fifth-place at 158 pounds Randy Wirtjes of Rochester, Minn. Wirtjes took the match to Thomas with a major league cross face and stopped him 8-0. Thomas lost the rest of his wrestle backs by narrow one-point decisions and finally ended up in sixth place. Mike Thomas was granted All-American honors and became Chowan's third All-American behind previous selectees Doug Saunders and Steve Mitsakakis.

Over all, three of Chowan's freshman received academic All-American honors as Kevin Rigging (Great Bridge) 150, Jerry Messick (6-o-juon) 177, and Mike Thomas (Menchville) 167.

"The finals were definitely the most exciting in my 15 years of watching the sport," remarked Steele.

Rouillard Medalist

By JENNIFER WICKER

"Pete Rouillard was our medalist for our match last Tuesday, with a score of 73," commented Bill Sowell, who coaches Chowan's golf team.

Chowan came in second in that match, against the three other teams in the conference, Louisburg, Lenior and Mount Olive, the winner.

Ricky Fugate was right behind Rouillard for Chowan with a total score of 76. Mike Lancaster of Mount Olive, had the low medal score of 71.

James Boyce of Poughkeepsie, NY, has been playing number 6, Jeff Riker from Hiton Head Island, S.C. number 5, Danny Walls of Dover Del. number 4, Daniel Casey from Wilton, Ct. number 3, Rouillard also of Hiltton Head Island, S.C. number 2, and Fugate of Portsmouth, Va number 1.

Other team members are Kirk Woods, Robert Brown and Jeff Short.

CORRECTION

Smoke Signals apologizes for the error in the page one story of Coach Bob Burke's basketball phenom.

In our haste to get the story into the newspaper, we inadvertently spelled his name backwards.

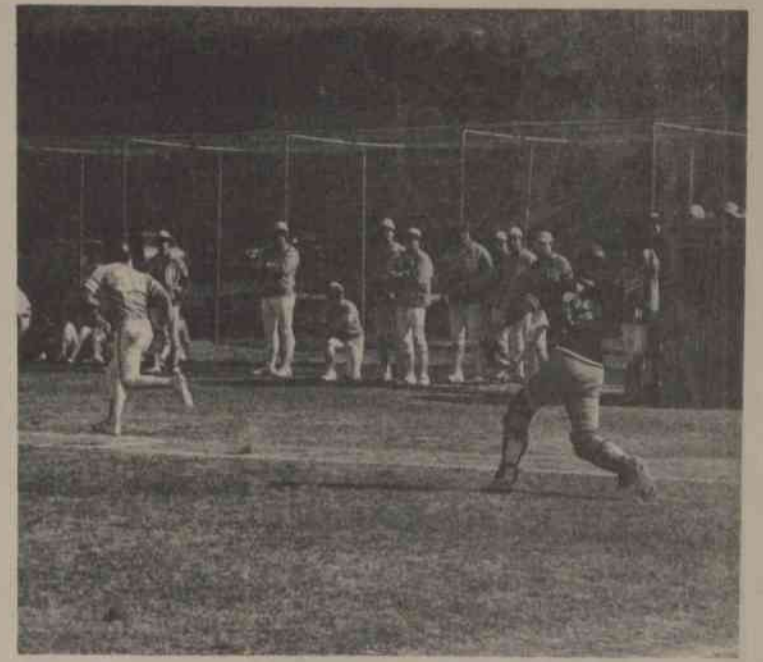
Whitaker Honored By Gardner-Webb

Boiling Springs — Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker gained another honor when the Board of Advisors and Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb College recognized his quarter-century as Chowan's president.

The two Gardner-Webb boards presented him with a pewter tray to make the anniversary.

In remarks honoring Whitaker February 26, Gardner-Webb President Crafen Williams referred to him as "a quiet, powerful advocate of private education, the personification of the ideals of a Christian college, and a true friend and counselor."

Williams added that "Cleveland County and North Carolina can take pride in this public servant."



Patterson comes up throwing to nip Lenoir bunter in April 27 game.

Photo by Todd Dudek

Soph Nucleus Seen Key To Baseball Title Hopes

By JOE MCGARRITY

Chowan College's baseball team opened its season in March, and much of its hopes depend heavily on a group of sophomores.

The Braves finished in third place last season with 18-15 record which wasn't quite good enough to get them into the playoffs.

"Our goals this year are to first win the conference (Eastern Tarheel) championship, and then we'll think about the region and hopefully, the nationals," said Coach Jerry Hawkins.

"We should get some good competition from Louisburg and Mt. Olive."

The Braves will depend heavily on sophomore letterman Jeff Pierce (1B),

Perry Agee (OF-P), Mike Diguglielmo (SS), and Dwayne Murphy (2B) who says Coach Hawkins, "are all looking good."

The Braves pitching staff should be set with sophomore southpaws Jeff Sosebee and Pat Ehle, and righthanded fireballer Ronnie Baxter the ringleaders.

Freshman leftys Sammy Pepper and Lance Day will be counted on heavily, while freshman righthanders Craig Elder, John Farmer and Jack Moore should all see spot duty.

The infield appears set with Pierce at first, Murphy at second, Diguglielmo at short, and fellow sophomore Curtis Bond at third. Sophomore Greg Butcher and freshman Joe Coleman, Troy Barney and Vann Parker will be the utility infielders.

Sophomore Bruce Kennedy and freshman Frank Comer and Kenny Patterson will share the catching duties, with Kennedy seeing most of the action.

Sophomore Gary Hunter (a nephew of ex-major leaguer Catfish Hunter) will be the designated hitter.

The Braves outfield will consist of sophomores Jerry White in left field, and Agee in center, while freshman Tederal Dukes and Pete Lee will split time in right.

Backing up Agee in center will be freshman Matt Sutphin who had an extremely good fall season.

The Braves will play a 40-game schedule with mostly doubleheaders.

BASEBALL	
1982	
CHOWAN COLLEGE	
Apr. 2†	..... Mt. Olive
Apr. 7†	..... Ferrum
Apr. 8	..... (Exhib.) Virginia Tech
Apr. 9†	..... (Exhib.) Liberty Baptist
Apr. 12*	..... Ferrum
Apr. 15†	..... Southeastern C.C.
Apr. 17†	..... Louisburg
Apr. 20†	..... Lenoir C.C.
Apr. 26†	..... Mt. Olive
Apr. 29†	..... Southeastern C.C.

All games Doubleheaders at 1:00 unless indicated.

* Home Games
† Conference Games
‡ Single Game

Basement Bombers Win 'Murals After Surviving Five OT Semi

By JOE MCGARRITY

Parker Hall's Basement Bombers intramural basketball team escaped a five-overtime (that's right, FIVE OT's) semi-final game and proceeded to retain their intramural basketball championship on March 18 at the Helms Center.

In the semi-final game March 16

against First Floor Mixon, the Bombers escaped by the skin of their teeth. Many say it was the best intramural basketball game ever played at Chowan College.

The score was tied 29-29 at the end of regulation. Both teams had a chance to win it in the third overtime

(The Bombers point guard Donovan Benton had fouled out in the third overtime; thus leaving a gap in the Bombers hopes).

In the third overtime with eight seconds to go and the score tied 30-30, Basement guard Gary Cason went to the free-throw line for a one-and-one. He missed and First Floor Mixon grabbed the rebound. At :06, Mixon's Lenny McClain went to the line and hit both free throws to give Mixon a 32-30 lead with six seconds left. Over; right? Wrong!

Cason took the inbounds pass and drove the length of the floor for an uncontested layup at the buzzer and into the fourth overtime they went with the score 32-32.

Neither team could win it in the fourth overtime, therefore, the fifth overtime was necessary.

Mixon seemingly had the game all sealed up after McClain and Andrews combined to give them a four-point lead (40-36) with time running out.

But the Bombers' fate would not let them die. Spence Andrews hit to make it 40-38, Cason scored, and Spence Andrews scored off a steal (all of which happened in a blink of the eye) to give the Bombers a 42-41 lead (just like that!)

Spence Andrews was fouled, and he proceeded to seal this 'screamer' with a free throw and it was all over. The Basement had advanced to the Championship with a 43-41 victory in 5 overtimes!! Cason led all scorers with 18 points, while McClain had 15 and Aubrey Johnson 12 for Mixon.

In the other semi-final game, West Hall's Second Floor edged Mixon's Second Floor 76-ers 38-37, and earned the right to face the Basement in the championship.

Second Floor West hung tough for most of the way, down by only three points at the half (21-18). But as the game progressed the quicker, more experienced Bombers pulled away and controlled the tempo from then on out.

The final score being 45-35, the Bombers collected their second championship in as many years.

First Floor Belk Wins Women's Hoop Tourney

By KRISTA SCHLEICHER

The quality of Intramural basketball was much better than in years past, according to Coach Colin Steele, intramural director.

Until the last week of the season only two men's teams were eliminated from the game. In the National League the four top teams were Basement Parker, First Floor Parker, Second Floor Parker and Seventh Floor Parker.

In the American League the teams were Second Floor West (North), Mixon 76'ers, and Third Floor East. The playoffs brought some of the fiercest basketball played in intramurals.

In the championship game Basement Parker defeated Second Floor West (North) in typical ACC fashion where the game was won at the free throw line. Fans got their money's worth as they saw the famous Alvin Woods dunking abilites reminiscent of the Glover brothers from last year.

First Floor Belk remained undefeated in the women's championship, winning over Fourth Floor Columns in the finals, 46-28. Pam Pellom and Amelia Alexander led the First Floor Belk fast-break offense.

Steele thanked all the referees, timers and scorers for an outstanding job done this year. Basketball was officiated better than ever before, he observed. Steele feels that this is due to the classes in the sports officiating physical education course.

Intramural weight-lifter Reggie Stokes broke the lightweight record in

several events set by Michael White last year of 655 pounds in three events.

In the middleweight category Brett Kassier won, smashing all other records in a highly competitive conference, against Frank Comer. Dodley Nesblitt was third, setting the record of 225 pounds. Kurtis Thompson took first in the lightweight conference. Lee Merryville won the heavyweight division.

Intramural softball began March 29, with intramural wrestling on March 23 and swimming, March 25.

Lady B Trio On Star Team

Denise Jordan, Carolyn Kelly and Vivian Myers were named to the Eastern Division All-Conference team. Myers was also named to the All Region X Team and Anita Anderson to the All Tournament Team.

Jordan, a sophomore averaged 12.1 points a game, 3.7 rebounds and dealt out assists at a 3.7 clip. She teamed with Kelly to spearhead the Chowan offense and is an exceptional shooter.

Kelly, also a sophomore, was the sparkplug for the Lady Braves, averaging 14 points a game. She led the team in assists with 113 for an 5.1 average and topped the starter, hitting at a 48.9 average from the floor.

Myers hauled down 192 rebounds for a 10.6 average and led the team in scoring with a 15.6 average.

Heavy Schedule Faces Lady Braves

Six Cagers Follow Coach to Diamond

By EMMA GILES

Spring has arrived, and with it the beginning of the Lady Braves softball season after their spectacular basketball season to a close. Six players switched from court to diamond. Starters will include three sophomores: Molly Hopkins, left field; Carolyn Kelly, first base; and Annetee Benthal, pitcher.

Other sophomore players are: Denise Jordan center field; Ginger Jefferson, third base; and Pam Pellam, second base.

Freshman players are: Cheryl Wiley who will used in varied position; Rhonda Harrell, shortstop; Tina Futrell, Pitcher; Karen Brannon, catcher; Mary Weiss, short-fielder; Lisa Leatherman, right-fielder; and substitute outfielders, Sherry Comer, Kynette Williams and Pura Puratas.

The Lady Braves got off to a good start March 19 by capturing a doubleheader at Methodist College in Fayetteville. Already, many of the players are showing good hitting abilities this

season. In the first game Hopkins and Brannon, both ran two hits out of three; Jordan and Weiss each hitting two of four. Benthal was the winning pitcher.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Pellum clipped hits including a homerun. Kelly hit three for four

while Wiley dropped three for four, including a double. Futrell who hit two for three was also the winning pitcher. Both games together netted 25 hits and only six errors.

Altogether, the season will consist of 14 double-headers, with the exception of Peace, which the Braves are scheduled to play only once this season. There are six teams in the division played by Chowan. They are Louisburg, Peace, Lenoir, Mt. Olive, and Eastern.

Softball coach, Gaye Scott, who also moved over from basketball seems impressed by the ability, skill and out-pitch she has observed already.

"My aim is not to preach to the players," she said, "but rather to encourage them to play well. I want them to show me talent and potential, which I think they have a lot of. Frankly, I think defense is good. The players are hitting well and I expect a lot out of them. Our main objective," she added, "is to play smart and hit the ball."

Chowan College			
1982 Softball Schedule			
April 13	Mt. Olive	Away	3:00 DH
April 14	VA Wesleyan	Home	3:00 DH
April 15	Louisburg	Home	3:00 DH
April 16	Peace	Home	3:00 DH
April 20	Lenoir	Home	3:00 DH
April 21	Southeastern	Away	3:00 DH
April 24	Eastern Division	Louisburg	TBA
Tournament			
Gay Scott — Head Coach			

Watch for Our Grand Opening!

Milton's Pizza
(Old King's Landing Restaurant)

Welcome Chowan Students!